

## THE HOLOCAUST

The danger called war loomed over the Earth and took with it a huge number of human lives. Cruel and terrible, since ancient times, until today, war shows fear and terror.

1922. Adolf Hitler: "Once, when I really have full power, my primary goal will be the extermination of Jews... Until Germany is completely cleansed of them." Holocaust is a word that originates from the Greek language and literally means sacrifice by burning. Today it is used as a common name for the genocide of Jews during the period of Nazi Germany. The broader meaning of the word also includes the mass killing of Roma and Slavs.

Some of anti-Semitic laws, as Anne Frank writes, were: "Jews must wear yellow star, they may not ride trains or cars, they may shop only from 3-5 p.m. , they may go to Jewish hair salons, they may not be on the streets from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., they may not visit theaters, cinemas... , they must not associate with Christians, they must go exclusively to Jewish schools..."

Jews were first placed in a ghetto – isolated area within a city where people different races and religions lived. The final solution was Nazi Germanys plan for the systematic genocide of European Jews leading to the final deadliest phase, the Holocaust. Mass murders have already taken place before the plans were fully implemented but only after the entire Jewish population was exterminated were the death camps built.

The Germans hunted down the Jews and transported them by train to concentration camps. They are: Mathuhausen, Auschwitz ... Mathuhausen concentration camp was the central camp for Austria. (1938.-1945.) Auschwitz is the largest concentration camp, it was located in Poland. It was divided into two parts, selections were made – able-bodied and those destined for a quick death. Due to the destruction of evidence, there is assumed that between 1,1- 1,5 million people were killed in Auschwitz, 90 percent of whom were Jews. A large number of Jews in the camps died of disease and hunger. The rest of population was killed en masse in gas chambers, some were even subjected to medical experiments.

Holocaust Day is celebrated on January 27. , as a reminder of the day when the Red Army liberated Auschwitz in 1945. finding around 7000 survivors there.

History helps us to look at all the mistakes that happened in the past and not allow them to be repeated. Hate and war have never brought good, tolerance and respect for differences are the way to a better and fairer world.

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